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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

GANGFENG CAI
TA YEN CHING
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Serial No.: 09/664,993

Filed: September 18, 2000

For: OXYGEN SCAVENGERS WITH
REDUCED OXIDATION PRODUCTS
FOR USE IN RIGID BEVERAGE AND
FOOD CONTAINERS

Confirmation No.: 4102

Group Art Unit: 1772

Examiner: Sandra M. Nolan

Attorney Docket: 2039.006100/RFE

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
DATED DECEMBER 13, 2002

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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April 14, 2003

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Applicants respectfully submit this paper in response to the final Office Action dated December 13, 2002, for which the three-month date for response was March 13, 2003.

A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This one-month extension will bring the due date to April 13, 2003, which is